

i am writing to oppose the "broadcast flag" addition to electronic equipment. our livingrooms belong to us. let us record what we are watching on tv. and let us watch it later. and maybe we'll even want to loan it to our friends once in a while. i think its fair. just as fair as buying a book and lending it to a friend. or lending my car keys to a friend. selling what i've copied, i dont think that's fair. mass producing more copies, that's not fair either.

if hollywood doesn't want us to record something, then let them show these things only in theaters. or let hollywood create and market televisions with the "broadcast flag" and sell these televisions on the open market. i confess i wouldn't like this much either, but at least in this way the idea would have to prove itself as economically justified (as hollywood claims it is)

don't make a law that lets hollywood control what we do behind the rest of our front doors.

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ps i have so many other things to say about this, but i'm sure you guys get a lot of letters and they've probably covered all the relevant points.